

SENATE BILL No. 132

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-14-31.

Synopsis: Food stamp assistance after drug conviction. Allows certain individuals who were convicted of a drug offense but have not been convicted of another drug offense in the previous five years before applying for food stamps to receive food stamps. Permits individuals who have had a conviction in the past five years but who are receiving specified treatment and drug and alcohol testing to receive food stamps.

Effective: July 1, 2016.

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January 5, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Appropriations.



Second Regular Session 119th General Assembly (2016)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 12-14-31 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2016]:
4 **Chapter 31. SNAP Assistance for Individuals With Drug**
5 **Convictions**
6 **Sec. 1. In accordance with 21 U.S.C. 862a(d)(1), the state elects**
7 **to opt out of the application of 21 U.S.C. 862a(a) for individuals**
8 **who meet the requirements of this chapter.**
9 **Sec. 2. An individual who:**
10 (1) **has been convicted of an offense under IC 35-48**
11 **(controlled substances), or an offense in another jurisdiction**
12 **that is substantially similar, for conduct occurring after**
13 **August 22, 1996;**
14 (2) **except for 21 U.S.C. 862a(a), meets federal and state SNAP**
15 **requirements; and**
16 (3) **either:**
17 (A) **has not been convicted of another offense under**



1 **IC 35-48 (controlled substances), or an offense in another**
2 **jurisdiction that is substantially similar, in the five (5)**
3 **years preceding the individual's application for SNAP; or**
4 **(B) has been convicted of another offense under IC 35-48**
5 **(controlled substances), or an offense in another**
6 **jurisdiction that is substantially similar, in the five (5)**
7 **years preceding the individual's application for SNAP but**
8 **who is:**
9 **(i) living in a halfway house, a shelter, transitional**
10 **housing, or other residential housing that is operated by**
11 **a nonprofit organization; or**
12 **(ii) enrolled in a substance abuse program certified by**
13 **the division of mental health and addiction or a federal**
14 **agency;**
15 **and is tested for drug and alcohol usage at least once every**
16 **two (2) months;**
17 **is eligible to participate in SNAP.**

